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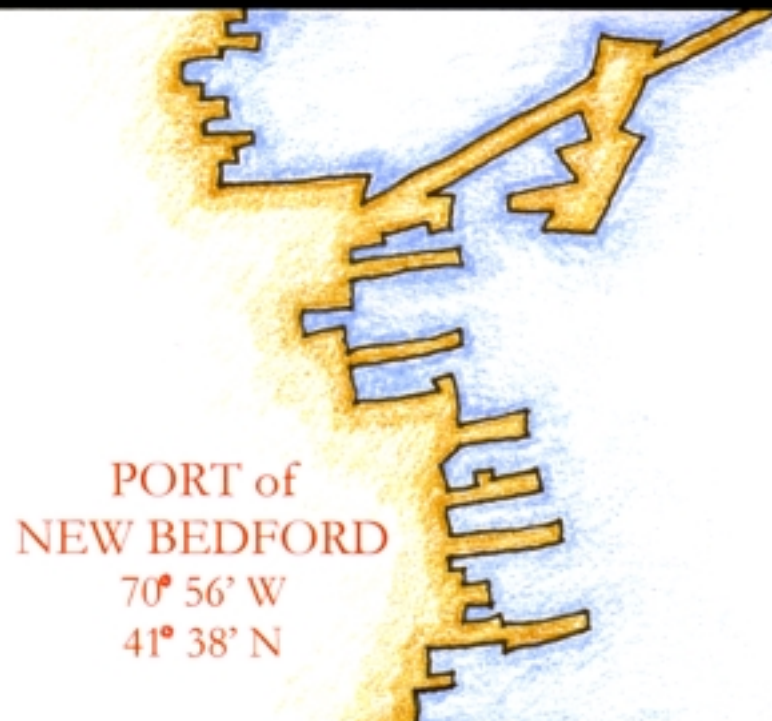
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# JUNIOR RANGER

## NEW BEDFORD WHALING NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



New Bedford, Massachusetts

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**Instructions:** As a Junior Ranger in training at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, be alert on your voyage through the park and try to identify and answer the following questions in this booklet. Return to the visitor center where you will be rewarded

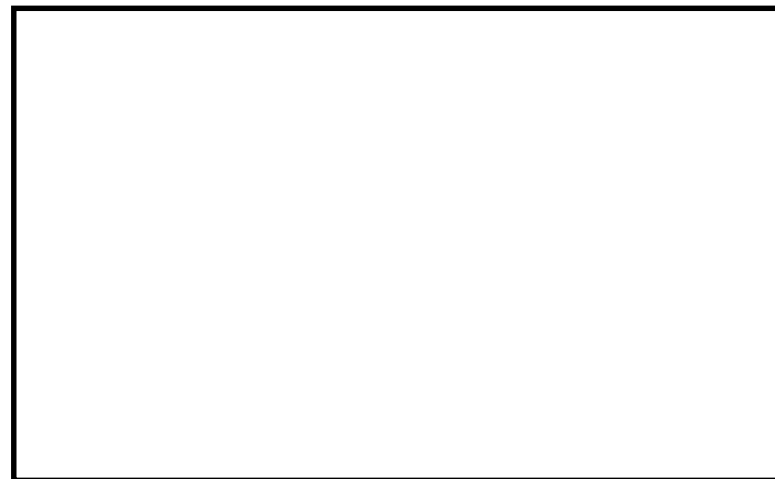
for your hard work. Be sure to ask lots of questions, read interpretive exhibits and observe everything around you. Good luck and have fun!



While exploring the visitor center, answer the following questions.

1. What river flows into New Bedford Harbor?
2. Where is the Inupiat Heritage Center?
3. What country gave the Schooner *Ernestina* to the United States of America in 1982?
4. What well-known fugitive slave and his wife found their first home of freedom in New Bedford in 1838?
5. Name three former uses of the National Park visitor center building.

Draw your favorite object or memory from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.



### Junior Ranger Log

An officer on the whaling ship was in charge of keeping a daily "log" of the whaling voyages. The "log" was the written record of the ship's speed, progress, position, and noteworthy events of the day. The New Bedford Whaling Museum has over 1,100 logbooks in its museum collection. In the space below write your own log of your day at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

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The answers to questions 1-5 can be found at the weather station inside the waterfront visitor center.

1. What is the temperature outside?
2. What is the wind speed?
3. What is the barometric pressure?
4. What is the date and time?
5. Is it high tide or low tide right now?



6. Is there a weather flag flying at the waterfront visitor center? If so, which one is it? If not, guess why?



SMALL CRAFT  
WARNING  
UP TO 38 MPH  
WINDS



GALE  
WARNING  
39-54 MPH  
WINDS



STORM  
WARNING  
55-73 MPH  
WINDS



HURRICANE  
WARNING  
74+ MPH  
WINDS



**For an extra challenge:**

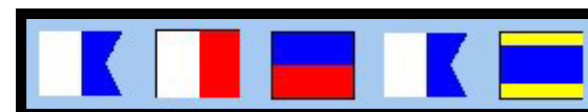
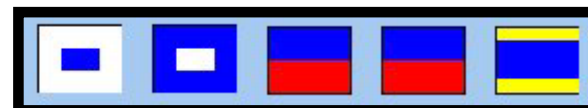
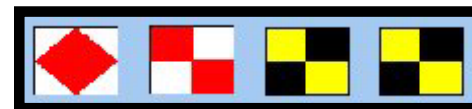
Visit all of the areas around the world that the New Bedford Whalers hunted whales

# Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunt

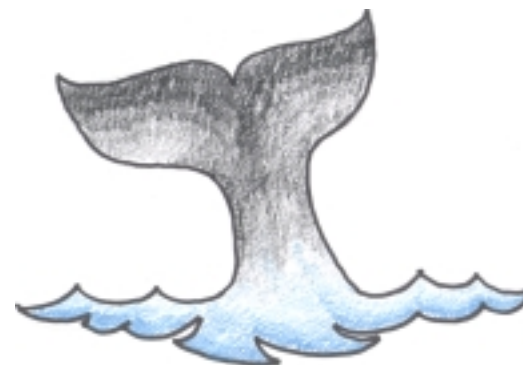
On your 'voyage' through the national historical park, find the following "things" and identify where you found them by placing the item's number at the location on the map on page 4.

1. An American flag
2. A man on a sign
3. A lady on the front of a boat
4. A door with an anchor on it
5. A sundial on the front of a building  
(What time is it on the sundial?)
6. A harpoon fence
7. An ornamental fountain
8. Weathervanes-one has a ship on it and the other has a whale on it. (Look up!)
9. The latitude and longitude of New Bedford
10. A National Park Service arrowhead

Use the key on the previous page to decode the secret message below.

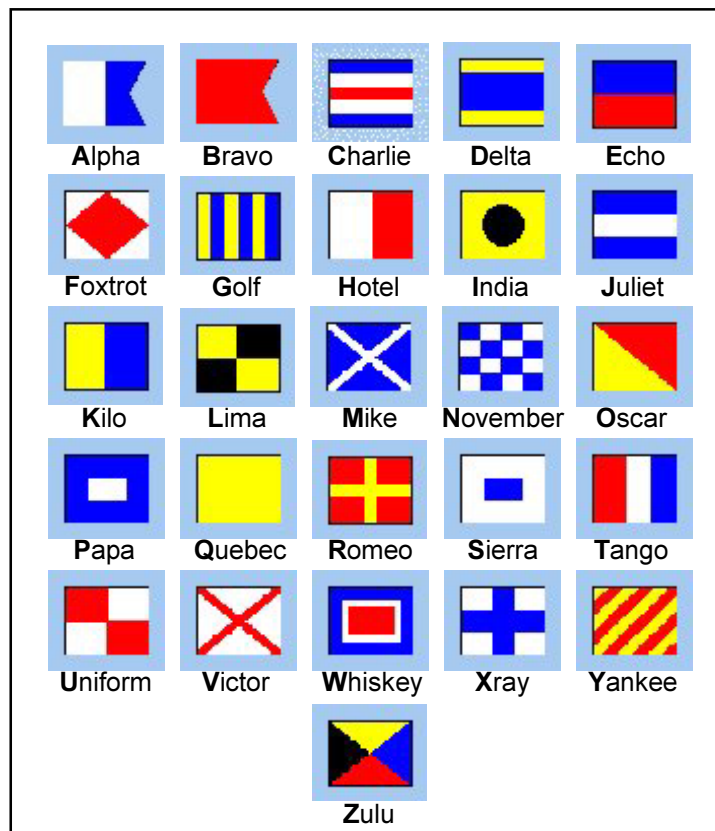


If you want another challenge, try to decode the message on the flags on the outside of the Waterfront Visitor Center (Wharfinger Building at Fisherman's Wharf). (Hint: When facing east (toward the water), "read" the flags from left to right and top to bottom).



## International Marine Signal Flags

The flags below are called International Marine Signal Flags. These flags are international signals used by ships at sea. They can be used to spell out short messages, or more commonly, used individually or in combination to create special meanings. Each flag represents a letter of the alphabet.





While taking a walking tour with a national park volunteer or a self-guided walking tour, try to answer the following questions. Test your knowledge about the history of New Bedford.

1. What is the Mariner's Home used for?
2. What decade in the 1900s did the last whaleships sail out of New Bedford?
3. What is a johnny cake?
4. What was whale oil used for?
5. What is a "stove boat?"

### Ishmael's Letter Jumble

While at sea, Ishmael -a great New Bedford Whaleman- developed this letter jumble game to help his fellow deck hands pass time. See if you can unscramble these letters before the next whale sighting.

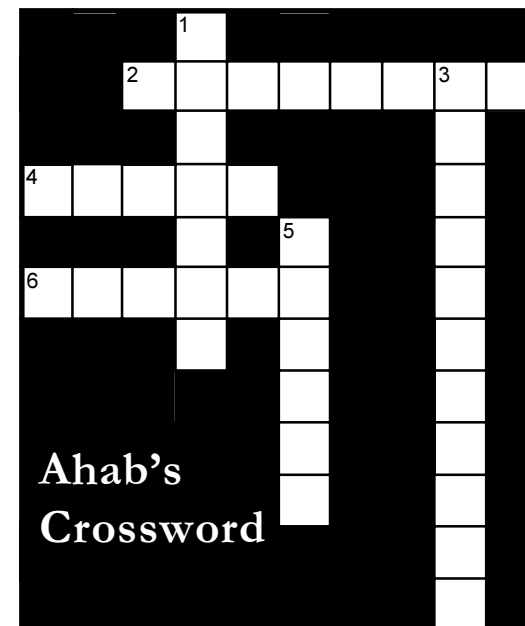
**LOI**

**EAWHL**

**ONAPOHR**

**DLANEC**

**BOCTOLEBENS**



### ACROSS

2. What famous novel did Herman Melville write about New Bedford and the whaling industry?
4. What street in the national park was known as the "Wall Street" of Bedford Village?
6. What is the name of the 1/2 scale, 89' ship model located inside the Whaling Museum?

### DOWN

1. Name the mansion that was moved 400 feet down William Street in 1978 to its present location?
3. Name the building in the national park that whaleman and sailors came to for "protection papers"-which certified their rights as sailors?
5. What New Bedford Sergeant won the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic action at Fort Wagner, SC? (Hint: visit the 54th Regiment Plaza)